

Dear Burke's Families:

February is here and with it comes several wonderful Burke's traditions. On February 4, the girls have a special big/little sisters valentine event where they join together to design and create a valentines card for a designated recipient at a Seniors facility. These cards are treasured and appreciated by those that receive them. On February 11, the 3rd Grade girls perform their Lion Dance after which the whole school will enjoy an Asian inspired luncheon complete with goody bags to celebrate Chinese New Year. Last but certainly not least, on February 18, it is "Grandparents and Special Friends day" where our girls have the opportunity to share Burke's and the incredible work they do here with the special people in their lives. It's the perfect lead in to Mid-Winter vacation.

**Monday February 7, we have our monthly PA meeting** in the lunchroom, complete with refreshments. We will have updates on all Parents' Association business, including the ongoing Nominating Committee news as we put together our PA Board for the 2011-2012 year, Burke's Auction "Hearts of Gold" news and as with each month a "going green" tip from Karen Allen of the Parents' Association Green Committee.

After the PA business is concluded we will invite our speaker Dr. Quinn to the podium at 9:00 am.

**Patricia Quinn: M.D. Attention Girls! How to be a More Organized and Focused Learner**  
Dr. Quinn will discuss attention, organization, time-management, and executive functioning. Dr. Quinn, a developmental pediatrician, has been a driving force in understanding attention in girls and women, an area historically neglected. In the last decade, she has devoted her attention professionally to the issues confronting girls and women with ADD (ADHD) with a particular interest in the relationship of a mother and child with ADHD. **Please join** the PA Board and other members of the Burke's community for this Parent Education Committee organized event.

Next month **March 14**, the PA meeting will be an evening event starting at 6:30 pm and focusing on **school finances**. Peter Engel, Finance Chair of the Board will offer us a presentation to explain how the school finances work and answer all questions. Child care will be provided.

See you round campus,

[Michelle Hackett](#)

2010-2011 Parents' Association President